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NEWFOUNDLAND TIE SET FOR THURSDAY

10th Province to Join Canadian
Confederation, Ending Fight
of 82 Years to Stay Free

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OTTAWA, March 26—At midnight Thursday Newfoundland will become the tenth province in the Canadian Confederation after an eighty-two-year fight to remain independent.

There will be modest ceremonies both in St. John's and here to mark the event, but the official celebration of the Act of Union is being postponed until a properly constituted government and legislature have been set up in the new province.

Reports from St. John's meanwhile indicate that opposition to union has quieted down in Newfoundland and the popular attitude has turned in favor of acceptance.

For Newfoundland, union will mean a complete revision of its whole taxation system with the abolition of import duties on Canadian products.

Preparations already have been made for the registration of all persons entitled to family allowances under the Canadian law. This provision alone has served greatly to increase popular sentiment toward union, for among the fishermen and small farmers, usually with large families, actual cash has always been scarce. The big cut in Canadian taxation announced this week by Finance Minister Douglas Abbott also has helped placate opposition sentiment, for fear of taxation has always been one of the principal obstacles to union.

With the prospect of the removal of import duties, prices of Canadian goods already have dropped in St. John's. Importers of United States goods have also been busy piling up stocks because from midnight Thursday Canadian customs rates will be applied.

Like every other province, Newfoundland will have its own Lieutenant Governor, Legislature and government and representation in the Canadian House of Commons and Senate, with a least one representative in the Dominion Cabinet.

Provincial elections will be held as soon as possible. Newfoundland will elect seven members to the House and will be represented in the Senate by six appointed Senators.

The question of the operation of the bases leased to the United States by the United Kingdom in 1940 at the time of the destroyer exchange arrangement will be negotiated with the United States, it has been stated.